

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 6/17/09 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
2. The amendment to Claims 1, 3-14, 16-17, 19-20, and 22, and the newly submitted claims 26-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The original claims were directed to a laminate while the current amended claims are directed to a method for preparing the laminate. Considering the laminate can be produced by a materially different process from the instantly claimed method, namely in the absence of step of depositing the metal element while heating the thermoplastic polyimide layer, the inventions are distinct from one another.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, amended claims 1, 3-14, 16-17, 19-20, 22, and 26-27 have withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

3. Since the remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention, the reply filed 6/17/09 is non-responsive.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in

order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Callie Shosho can be reached on 571-272-1123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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